

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pelligrino, and claims 1-15 were held to be allowable by the Examiner.

Accordingly, by the current Amendment, claims 1-15 have been amended, claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled and claims 18 and 19 have been added. Claims 1-15 have been amended for editorial and clarification purposes, without changing the intended scope of these claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15, 18 and 19 are allowable for the same reasons that claims 1-15 were found to be allowable by the Examiner.

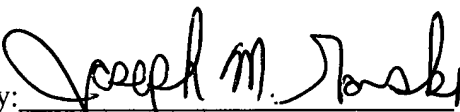
The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make editorial changes thereto and generally improve the form thereof, and a substitute specification and abstract are provided. No new matter has been added by the substitute specification and abstract.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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